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Public Act No. 15-230

AN ACT CONCERNING NEW CAR DEALERS AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT, WRITTEN NOTICE FOR HOMEMAKER OR COMPANION SERVICE REGISTRIES AND TELEPHONE SOLICITORS WHO MAKE UNSOLICITED AND INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING TELEPHONE CALLS TO CONSUMERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) Each new car dealer, as defined in section 14-51 of the general statutes, at the time the sale of a new motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, is executed, shall deliver to the purchaser of such new motor vehicle a written statement, printed in not less than ten-point boldface type, as follows:

"The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 USC 2301 et seq., makes it illegal for motor vehicle manufacturers or dealers to void a motor vehicle warranty or deny coverage under the motor vehicle warranty simply because an aftermarket or recycled part was installed or used on the vehicle or simply because someone other than the dealer performed service on the vehicle. It is illegal for a manufacturer or dealer to void your warranty or deny coverage under the warranty simply because you used an aftermarket or recycled part. If it turns out that an aftermarket or recycled part was itself defective or wasn't

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installed correctly and it causes damage to another part that is covered under the warranty, the manufacturer or dealer has the right to deny coverage for that part and charge you for any repairs. The Federal Trade Commission requires the manufacturer or dealer to show that the aftermarket or recycled part caused the need for repairs before denying warranty coverage."

(b) For purposes of this section, an "aftermarket part" is a part that was made by a company other than the vehicle manufacturer or the original equipment manufacturer and a "recycled part" is a part that was made for and installed in a new vehicle by the manufacturer or the original equipment manufacturer and later removed from the vehicle and made available for resale or reuse.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-679a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(a) Not later than [seven] four calendar days after the date on which a registry supplies, refers or places an individual with a consumer, the registry shall provide the consumer with a written notice, to be signed by the consumer, specifying the legal liabilities of such registry to the individual supplied or referred to or placed with the consumer. If the registry maintains an Internet web site, a sample of the notice shall be posted on such Internet web site.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) A person who provides material information to the Department of Consumer Protection that results in the investigation of a telephone solicitor and enforcement of subsection (d) of section 42-288a of the general statutes shall be compensated in an amount the Commissioner of Consumer Protection decides is reasonable. The amount shall be paid out of the proceeds collected by the state as a result of the enforcement of said subsection and shall not be less than fifteen per cent or more than thirty per cent of the total

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amount recovered by the state pursuant to subsections (g) and (k) of said section.

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